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ADVENTURES LAUNCH FROM HERE IN TUSTIE



With just 24 hours. get outside and discover our amazing natural attractions.

1 Playalinda Beach (1 hour)

Sunrise on Playalinda Beach is worth the early start. This special place is often cited as one of the most beautiful beaches in the U.S. It is much the same view as our ancestors saw, still undeveloped, with sandy long stretches of open beach, sea oats growing on the dunes and the quiet roar of Atlantic Ocean surf. Head over A. Max Brewer Bridge to SR 406/SR 402 (Beach Road). ADA accessible beach ramps are found at Eddy Creek and boardwalks 8,10,11 & 12. This is part of the 24 miles of Canaveral National Seashore and there is a fee per vehicle. Sea turtles love this shoreline too, and in season (April through October), you may see one nesting. For information on sea turtle nesting, go to www.nps.gov/cana/learn/nature/sea-turtles.htm

(2) Merritt Island National Wildlife **Refuge Visitor Center** (30 minutes)

The refuge is a national treasure—140,000 acres of coastal dunes, saltwater marshes, scrub, flatwoods, hardwood hammocks and fresh impounds—habitat for more than 500 species. Lots to know and see; that's why we start you at the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center on SR 402 (plus its on the way back from the beach – turn south on Scrub Jay Way – you can't miss it). Picking up a map (and a guide to the many birds you might encounter) is a good idea, especially with just 24 hours to manage lots of fun. Can't stop? Get a refuge map online at www.fws.gov/merrittisland

3 Black Point Wildlife Drive (1 hour) With just a day, here's a special way to see a lot of nature really fast--and Black Point Wildlife Drive is a 7-mile, one-way, self-guided loop (entrance off **SR 406)** you can drive. It's old Florida landscape quite visible from your vehicle. You may see wading birds, raptors, alligators, otters. There are stops along the way and observation towers, so you may

find yourself here longer. Bring your camera. (Have a long lens? You're going to wish you brought it.) Small entrance fee at the start, generally well supplied with brochures on the wildlife.

4 Space View Park (30 minutes) Time to head back to town, and Downtown Titusville has some special wonders based on its amazing history. You will absolutely be glad you stopped here at Space View Park at 188 E. Broad St., to see the monuments honoring America's Space Program and space explorers, discover the names of many of the men and women contributing to these accomplishments, and put your hands in the handprints of astronauts. The park is right on the river, and if there is a launch scheduled, this is a lovely place for a launch view. Check the rocket launch schedule at www.spacecoastlaunches.com

(5) Explore Downtown Titusville (1.5-2 hours)

5a Start at the Titusville Welcome Center at 419 S Hopkins Ave. See the big maps, pick up your own and ask questions that sometimes only a local can answer. Get in touch with the town, its history, its attractions and hidden gems. Fun stop with lots of info, maps, tips and friendly faces.

5b Take a walk along the **Mural Trail**.

5c Visit the **American Space Museum** (generally has expert volunteers with stories of past glories, a gift shop and shuttle consoles from the early days. Yes, you can sit down and touch the dials.) Located, less than half block from the Welcome Center, at 308 Pine St.

5d History buffs may wish to visit the **Pritchard House** built in 1891 (next door to the Welcome Center, limited hours) or the **5e North Brevard Historical Museum,** right next door to another local treasure located in the old hardware store, **5f Playalinda** Brewery on S. Washington Ave.

5g Shop for Titusville treasures

(6) Enchanted Forest Sanctuary (1 hour) This stop will get you outdoors on several miles of easy hiking within the 471-acre sanctuary. Enchanted Forest interpretive trails go through a variety of habitats including ancient oaks and magnolias, open scrub and one of the largest tracts of coastal hardwood forest in this region of Florida. You may spot a Gopher Tortoise, or at least one of their burrows. Kids (of all ages) will enjoy the hands-on exhibits in the on-site education center. Located at 444 Columbia Blvd., on the north side of SR4 05, 1/2 mile west of U.S. Hwy. 1, south of

7 Pick A Museum (1 hour)

Titusville.

Ok, you have some time left, and we have places to

7a Valiant Air Command Warbird Air Museum

is close by. See the growing collection of aviation wonders including more than 45 historic warbirds and an extensive exhibit of military aviation memorabilia. At Space Coast Regional Airport, at 6600 Tico Road, on the south side of Titusville.

7b American Police Hall of Fame is just off US1 near NASA Pkwy at 6350 Horizon Dr. It houses law enforcement exhibits, a memorial and a Hall of Fame. It is the nation's first national police museum and a memorial dedicated to law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

7c The Moore Cultural Center honoring Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore, martyrs of the contemporary civil rights movement, killed on Christmas 1951 when their home was bombed. The Cultural Center helps to preserve their memories, and the history and African-American culture of the pre-civil rights era. A replica of the Moores' home sits on the property along with the museum and strolling grounds. **The Harry** V. & Harriette T. Moore Cultural Center is North of Titusville, off US. Hwy 1, at 2180 Freedom Ave. Mims.



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